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- (1) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 333 395 A1, along with patent family members U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0148492 A1 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0054647 A1;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0198337 A1;
- (3) International Publication No. WO 00/41104 A2; and
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0069797 A1, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0094772 A1.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the Supplemental European Search Report.


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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Supplemental European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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